(e) 90 systems have already been marketed by ECIL. Steps are being taken to introduce an improved version.

Holding of Lok Adalats in the High Courts

1020. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to hold Lok Adalats in the High Courts; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Lok Adalats are organised and monitored by the State Legal Aid & Advice Boards in the country with the help of voluntary agencies. In all eight Lok Adalats mainly, in respect of Motor Accident Claims Tribunal cases pending before the High Courts have already been organised in some States. The Andhra Pradesh State Legal Aid Board is also contemplating to organise a Lok Adalat for such cases as also Land Acquisition appeals pending in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

Setting up of a Soft Ware Unit

1021. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a soft ware unit at Bombay in collaboration with Siemens;

(b) if so, the cost of the project;

(c) what is the estimated foreign exchange that proposed unit would be able to earn; and

(d) whether Siemens wants to diversify its activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Promotional Channel for Direct Entry JCO's

1022. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Direct Entry JCOs of Military Engineering Services suffer loss as a result of current promotion policy; and

(b) whether Government propose to open promotional channel for Direct Entry JCOs of MES upto the level of Assistant Engineer, if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The direct entry Junior Commissioned Officers of Military Engineer Services enter the Deptts. in the rank of Nb Subedar and have prospects of promotion to the rank of Subedar Major, the highest rank in JCO cadre. A provision also exists for these officers for grant of permanent commission in the special list or Regimental Commission as officers as per the prescribed selection procedure. Their promotion is not linked with appointment of Assistant Engineer, which is filled by promotion from civilian Superintendents B|R or E|M Gde. I.